

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 5, 6, and 10 have been amended to overcome the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 by changing the claim language to better reflect the disclosure at page 50, lines 5-14, for example. Claim 10 has also been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 by incorporating the language of canceled Claim 14 indicating that there is a “computer-readable recording medium that stores” the computer program. Claims 11-13 have been amended to be consistent with the change to Claim 10. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced.

The outstanding Office Action presents a rejection of Claims 1-14 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and a rejection of Claims 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

The cancellation of Claim 14 is respectfully submitted to render the rejection thereof under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 moot.

The rejection of Claims 1-13 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully submitted to be overcome by the above-noted amendments to independent Claims 1, 5, 6, and 10 that eliminates the questioned language and replaces it with language better describing the dividing of the image data.

The rejection of Claims 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully submitted to be overcome by the above-noted amendments to independent Claim 10 and dependent Claims 11-13.

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As no other issues are believed to remain outstanding relative to this application, it is believed to be clear that this application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to this effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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